

15 January 1964

*Handwritten: 1-20-64*  
Lieutenant General Joseph F. Carroll  
Director  
Defense Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Joe:

This is the full text of a message received this morning from our Saigon Station quoting a message which Alva apparently is unable to locate and which may not yet have been transmitted from MACV.

Alva asked me to get this to you soonest in order to alert Secretary McNamara since Mr. McCone told me he would discuss the matter with Mr. McNamara as soon as he saw him. This could occur tonight at the White House. I think the subject will also be discussed at USIB tomorrow.

Faithfully yours,

*Handwritten: DILA*  
*Handwritten: B/Pat*  
Marshall S. Carter  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Deputy Director

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TO : DIRECTOR

FROM: SAIGON

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1. GENERAL HARKINS HAD RECEIVED SIMILAR PROPOSAL  
FROM GENERAL FITCH, AND REPLIED TO GENERAL FITCH IN  
MESSAGE IDENTIFIED AS  PERTINENT PARAGRAPH  
THAT MESSAGE READS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE MOSAIC MIGHT BE USEFUL IF IT IS UP-TO-DATE,  
I.E., IT MUST BE BUILT IMMEDIATELY AFTER PHOTOGRAPHY.  
THIS COUNTRY CHANGES RAPIDLY FROM DRY SEASON TO RAINY  
SEASON AND THE JUNGLE TAKES OVER IN A MATTER OF DAYS.  
DUE TO THE LIMITED IN-COUNTRY READOUT CAPABILITY  
WHICH IS FULLY COMMITTED TO RVNAF TACTICAL SUPPORT,  
AND THE VOLUME OF COVERAGE INVOLVED IN THIS MOSAIC  
UNDERTAKING, MACV/2AD PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROJECT  
WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO COORDINATION. THERE IS CON-  
SIDERABLE IN-COUNTRY COVERAGE OF SVN AVAILABLE THROUGH  
CURRENT RECONNAISSANCE EFFORT." SAIG STATION CONCURS  
IN THIS VIEW.

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2. AMB LODGE GIVES OFFHAND OPINION THAT HE DOES NOT SEE HOW PROPOSED PHOTO COVERAGE WOULD BE USEFUL IN JUDGING FUTURE PROGRESS OF COUNTERINSURGENCY PROGRAM IN SVN, BUT DOES NOT HOLD STRONG OPINION FOR OR AGAINST PROPOSAL. HE HAS READ GENERAL HARKINS' REPLY QUOTED ABOVE, AND AGREES WITH IT.

END OF MESSAGE

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